

**256E.8 Funding.**

1. Each student enrolled in a charter school established under [this chapter](#) shall be counted, for state school foundation purposes, in the student's district of residence pursuant to [section 257.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph "a", subparagraph (9), including any applicable amounts under [section 256B.9](#). For purposes of [this section](#), residence means a residence under [section 282.1](#).

2. a. The school district of residence shall pay to the charter school in which the student is enrolled in the manner required under [section 282.18](#), and pursuant to the timeline in [section 282.20, subsection 3](#), an amount equal to the sum of the state cost per pupil for the previous school year plus the teacher leadership supplement state cost per pupil for the previous fiscal year as provided in [section 257.9](#) plus any moneys received for the student as a result of the non-English speaking weighting under [section 280.4, subsection 3](#), for the previous school year multiplied by the state cost per pupil for the previous year. If a student is an eligible pupil under [section 261E.6](#), the charter school shall pay the tuition reimbursement amount to an eligible postsecondary institution as provided in [section 261E.7](#).

b. For a student requiring special education, the school district of residence shall pay to the charter school the actual costs incurred in providing the appropriate special education.

c. For each student enrolled in the charter school who was not included in the actual enrollment of the district of residence under [section 257.6, subsection 1](#), in the previous school year, the amount otherwise required to be paid under paragraph "a" or "b" shall instead be paid by the department to the charter school for the student's initial year of enrollment in the charter school.

d. There is appropriated annually from the general fund of the state to the department of education an amount necessary to pay all applicable amounts to charter schools under paragraph "c".

3. The charter school shall complete and provide to the students' school districts of residence all documentation necessary to seek Medicaid reimbursement for eligible services.

4. If necessary, and pursuant to rules adopted by the state board, funding amounts required under [this section](#) for the first school year of a new charter school shall be based on enrollment estimates for the charter school included in the charter school contract. Initial amounts paid using estimated enrollments shall be reconciled during the subsequent payment based on actual enrollment of the charter school during the first school year.

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